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# **Additive Bayesian Network Modeling – alternative to multivariable regression?**



## **Outline**

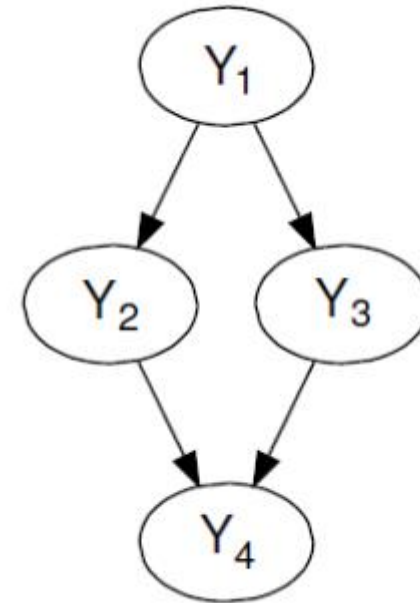
1. Additive Bayesian networks
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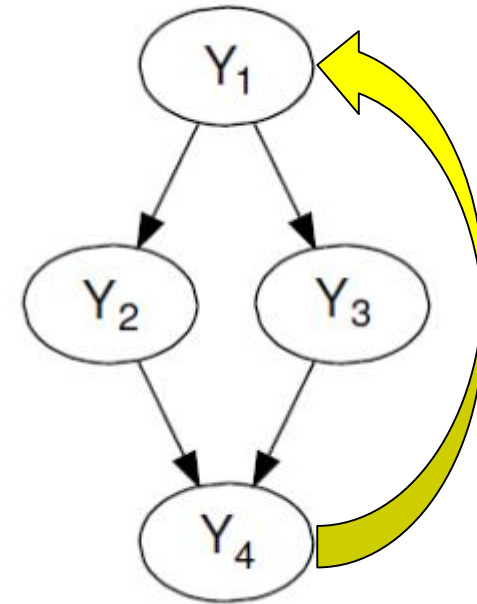
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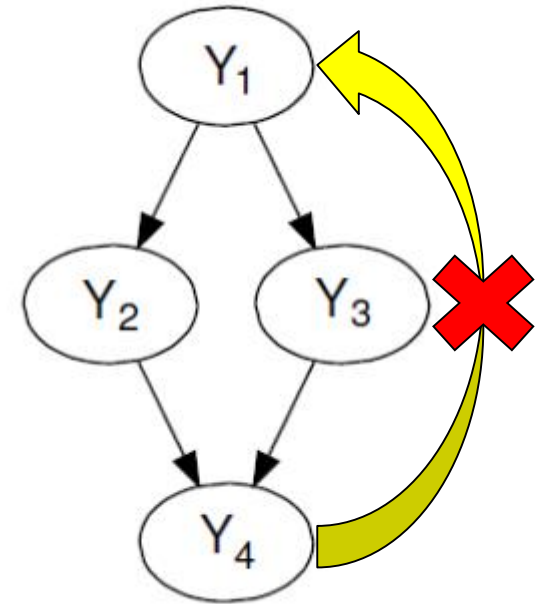
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## Bayesian networks (BN)

BN represent the joint probability distributions of random variables.

A BN is a pair  $N = (G, \Theta_G)$  with

- $G$ , the structure of  $N$ , a directed acyclic graph (DAG) with variables  $Y_i$  as nodes and the conditional and marginal dependencies as arcs
- $\Theta_G$  the parametrisation of  $N$ , a set of model parameters, which determine the conditional probabilities  $P(Y_i | \text{parent}(Y_i))$  for each node depending on the parents



# A simple Bayesian network



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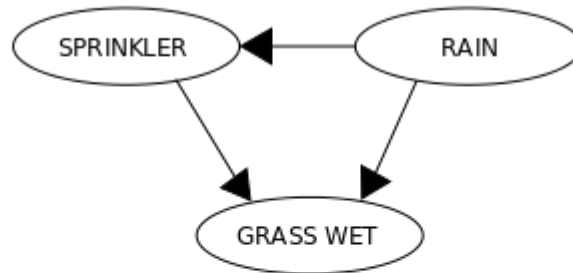


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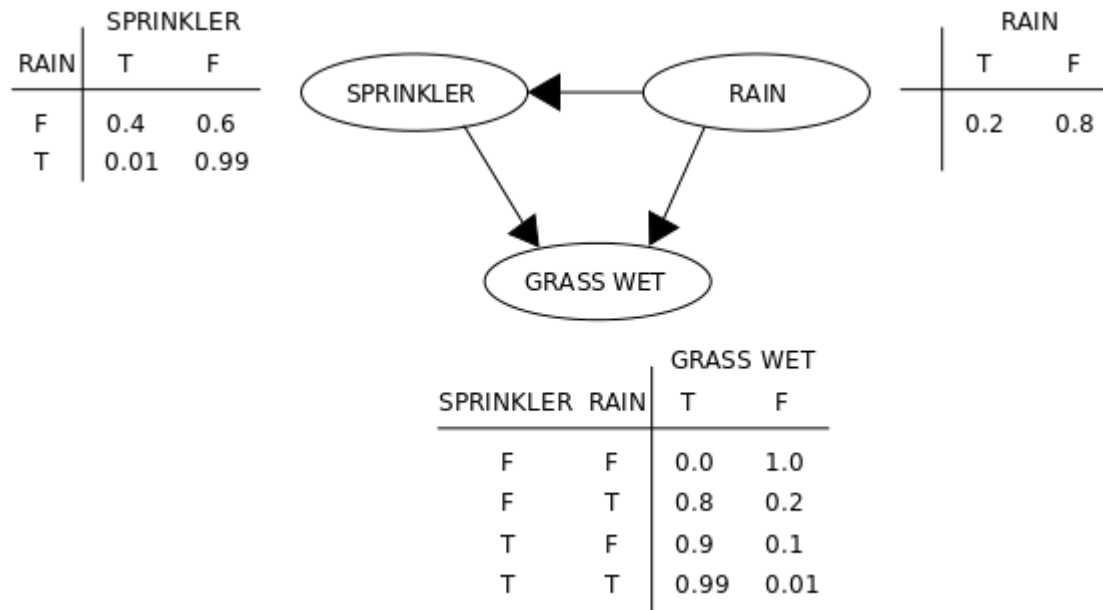
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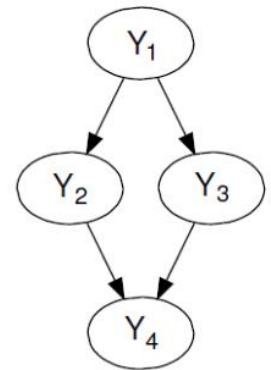


## Additive Bayesian networks

If  $Y_1, \dots, Y_4$  are binary random variables, and  $\theta_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 4$  is the probability of observing a «success» and  $P(Y_i = 1) = 1 - P(Y_i = 0)$ ,

the following parametrisation will constitute an abn:

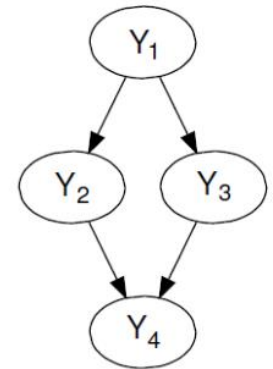
- $Y_1$  is independent:  $\log\left(\frac{\theta_{Y_1}}{1-\theta_{Y_1}}\right) = \beta_{Y_1,0}$
- $Y_2$  is conditional dependent on  $Y_1$ :  $\log\left(\frac{\theta_{Y_2}}{1-\theta_{Y_2}}\right) = \beta_{Y_2,0} + \beta_{Y_2,1} Y_1$
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## Additive Bayesian networks

Chain rule for the joint probability distribution

$$P(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4) = P(Y_1)P(Y_2|Y_1)P(Y_3|Y_1)P(Y_4|Y_2, Y_3)$$





## Example data I: Euthanasia in small animal practice

BMC Veterinary Research

### Attitudes of Austrian veterinarians towards euthanasia in small animal practice: impacts of age and gender on views on euthanasia

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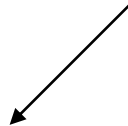
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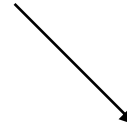


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εὐθανασία



*eu~*: good, well, right



*thánatos*: death

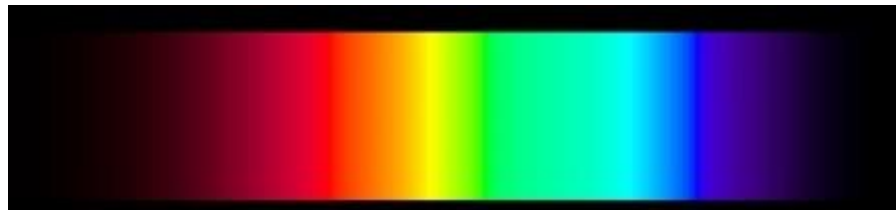
“Vernünftiger Grund”

it is prohibited to kill an animal without a “good” reason.

## Euthanasia

«the best and the worst of the profession»

- Changes in the human-animal relationship
- Ethical conflicts



Convenience Euthanasia

Anthropomorphism

«moral stress» Rollin (2009)

## Questionnaire scenarios



An animal owner comes to your office with a young dog. This dog is severely ill, but therapy is possible. This therapy would be time-consuming, but there are chances of success. The owner rejects the therapy because he has neither enough time nor enough money. He wants you to euthanize the dog.

A dog owner comes to your office and wants you to euthanize her dog. She argues that the 15 year old dog does not fit to her living conditions anymore because she will travel with her family for some time and does not want to bring a dog at this age to the animal shelter.







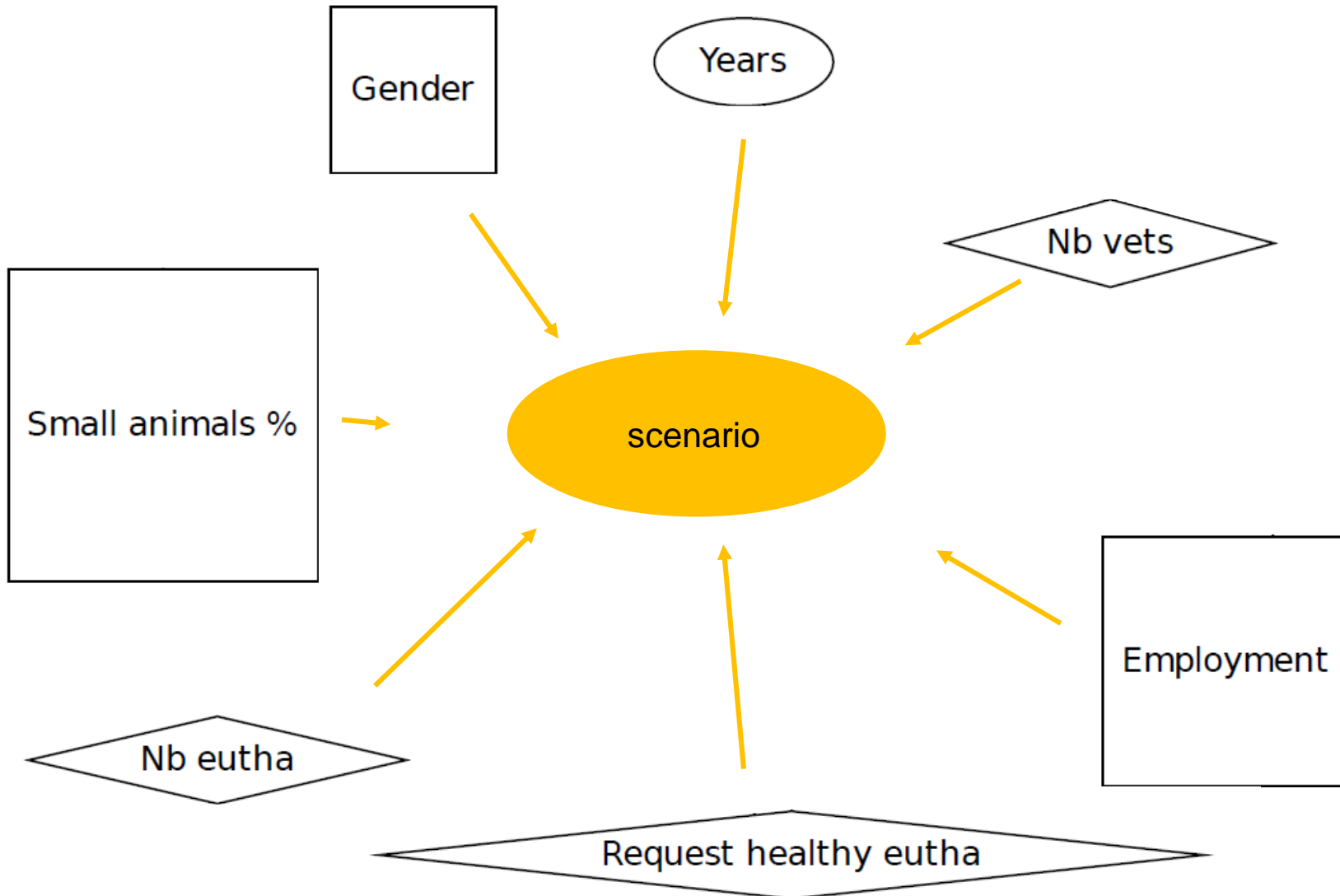
## Statements (n=26)

- It is easier for me to deal with euthanasia if I know that the animal would only have lived on for a short time.
- Although I would reject euthanasia, I euthanize the animal because I am afraid that the owner will see another vet.
- It is easier for me to deal with euthanasia if the procedure is carried out according to the best technical standards.
- ...






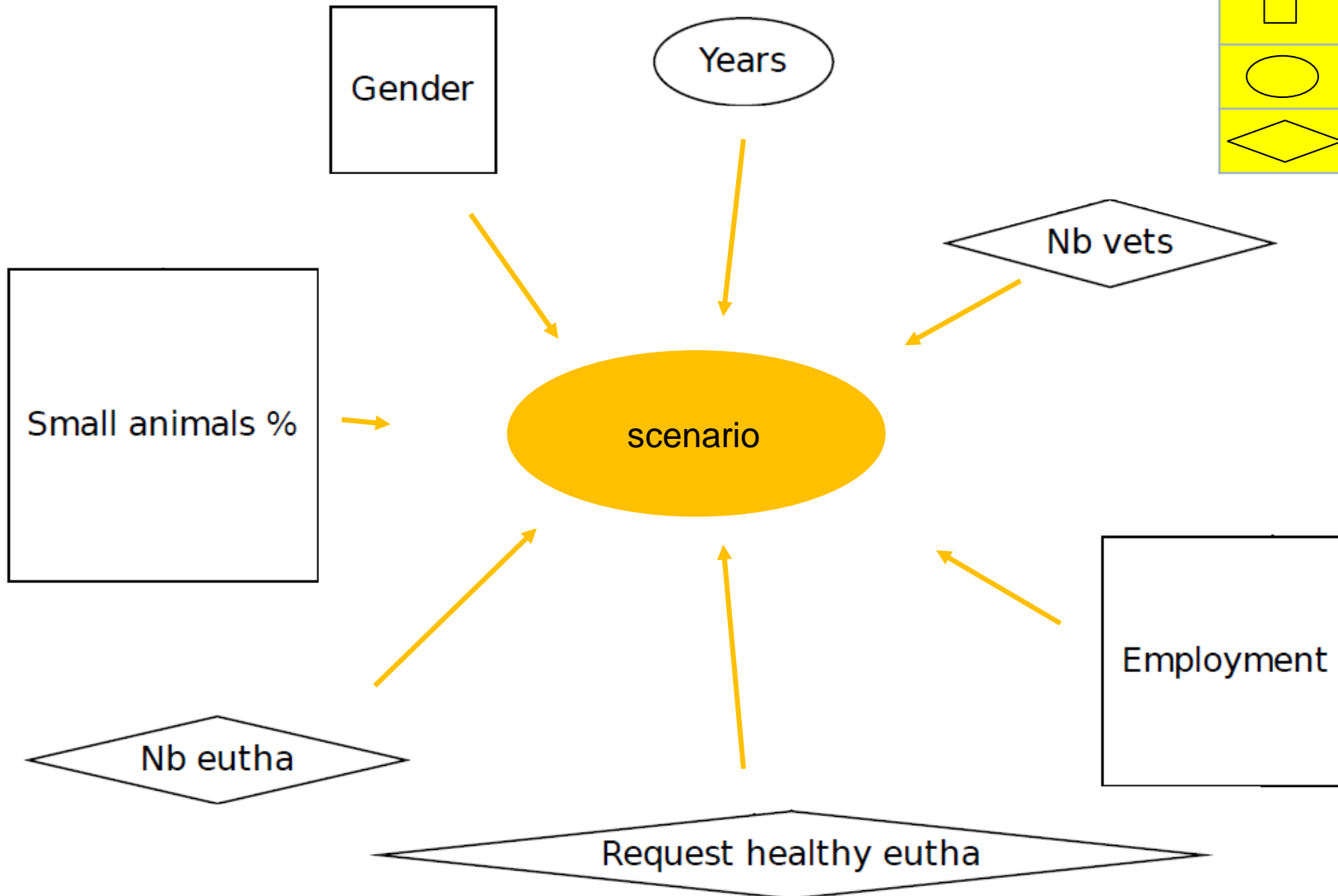
## Aims

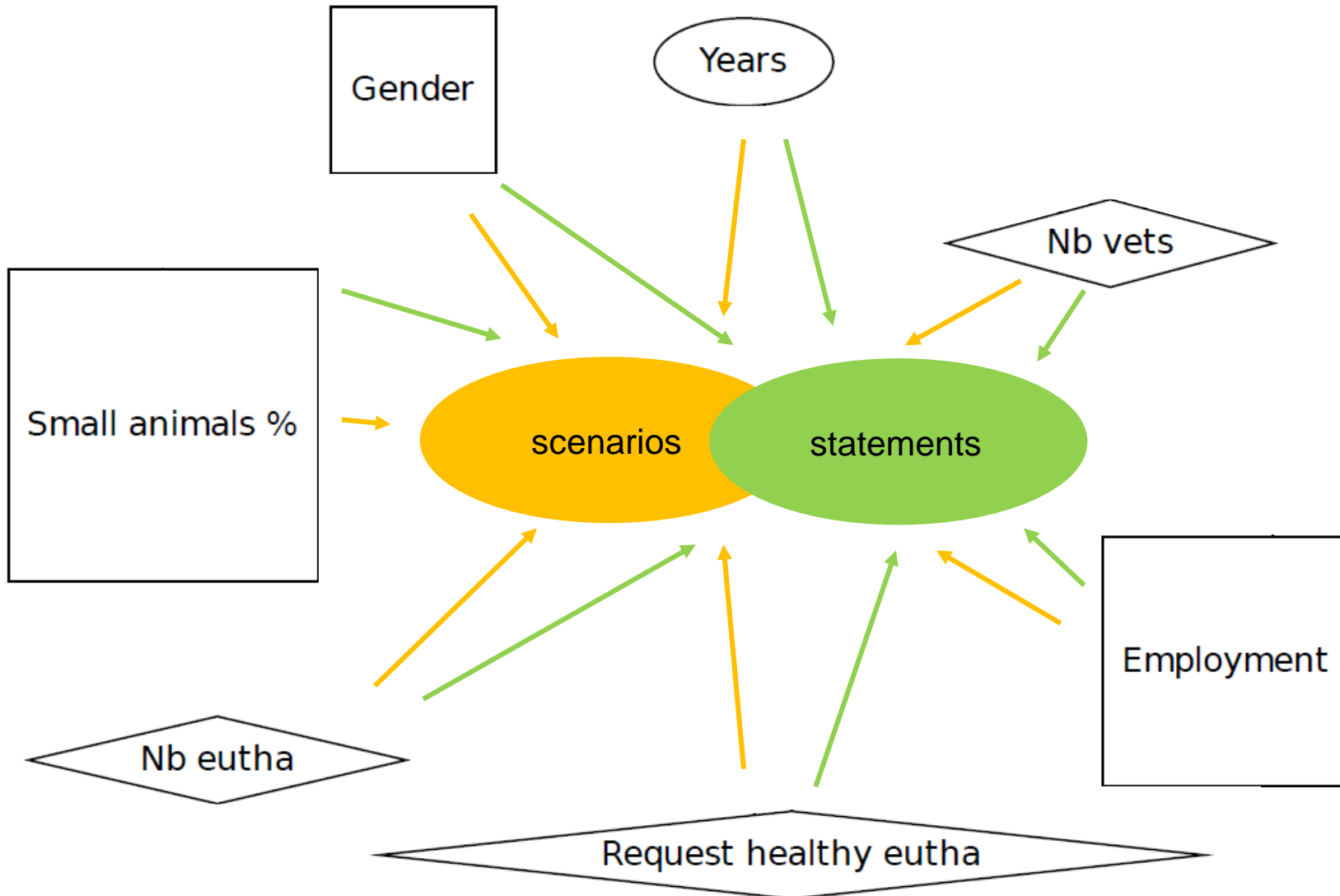
- agreement with scenarios and statements?
- agreement influenced by demographic factors?
- analysis: regression and additive bayesian network models

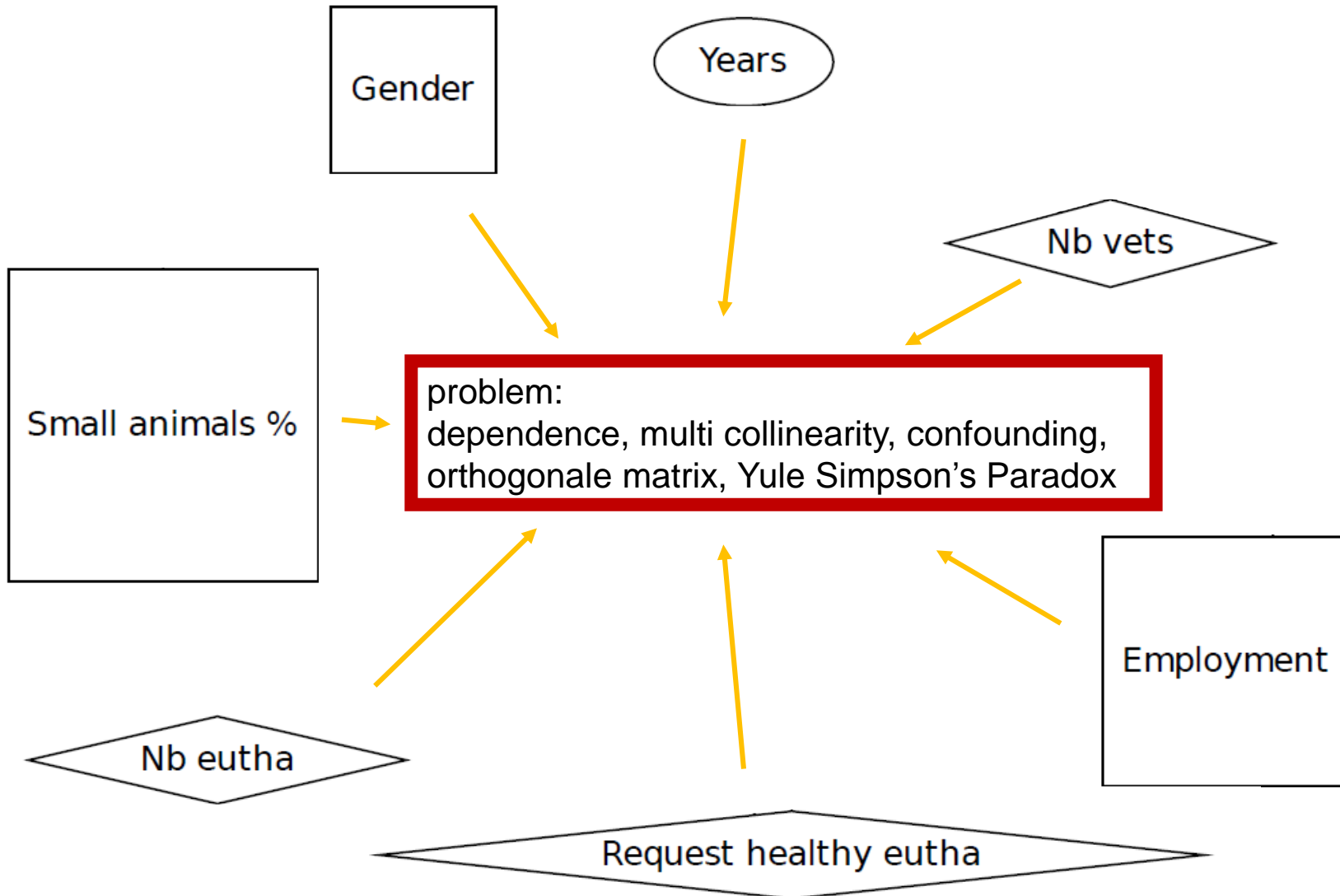


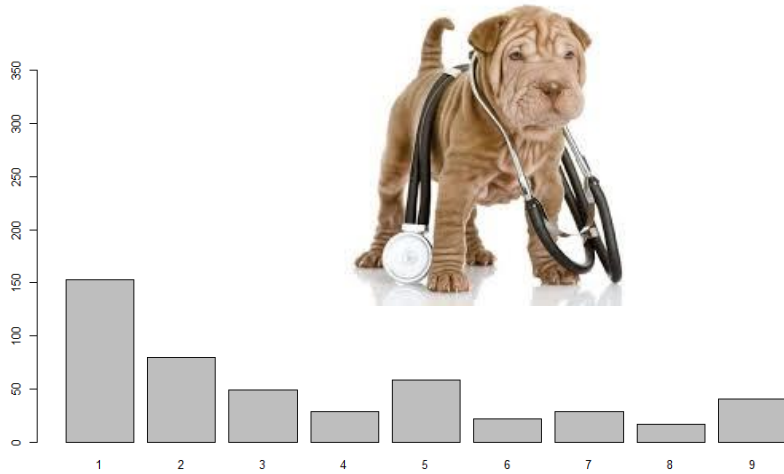


	binomial
	Normal
	Poisson

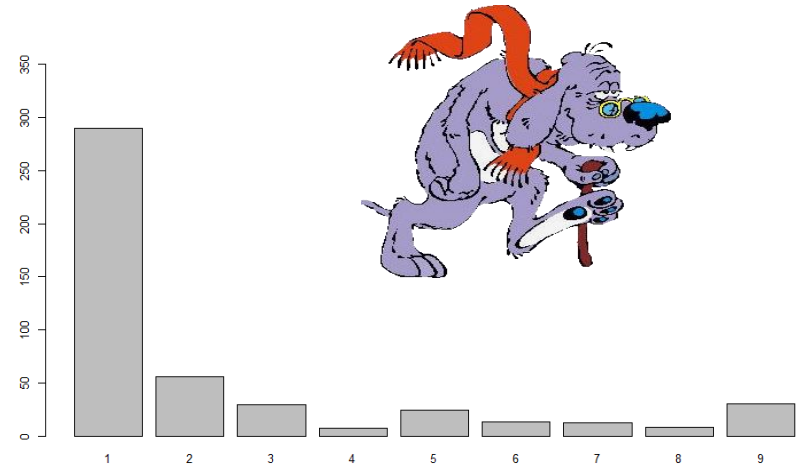




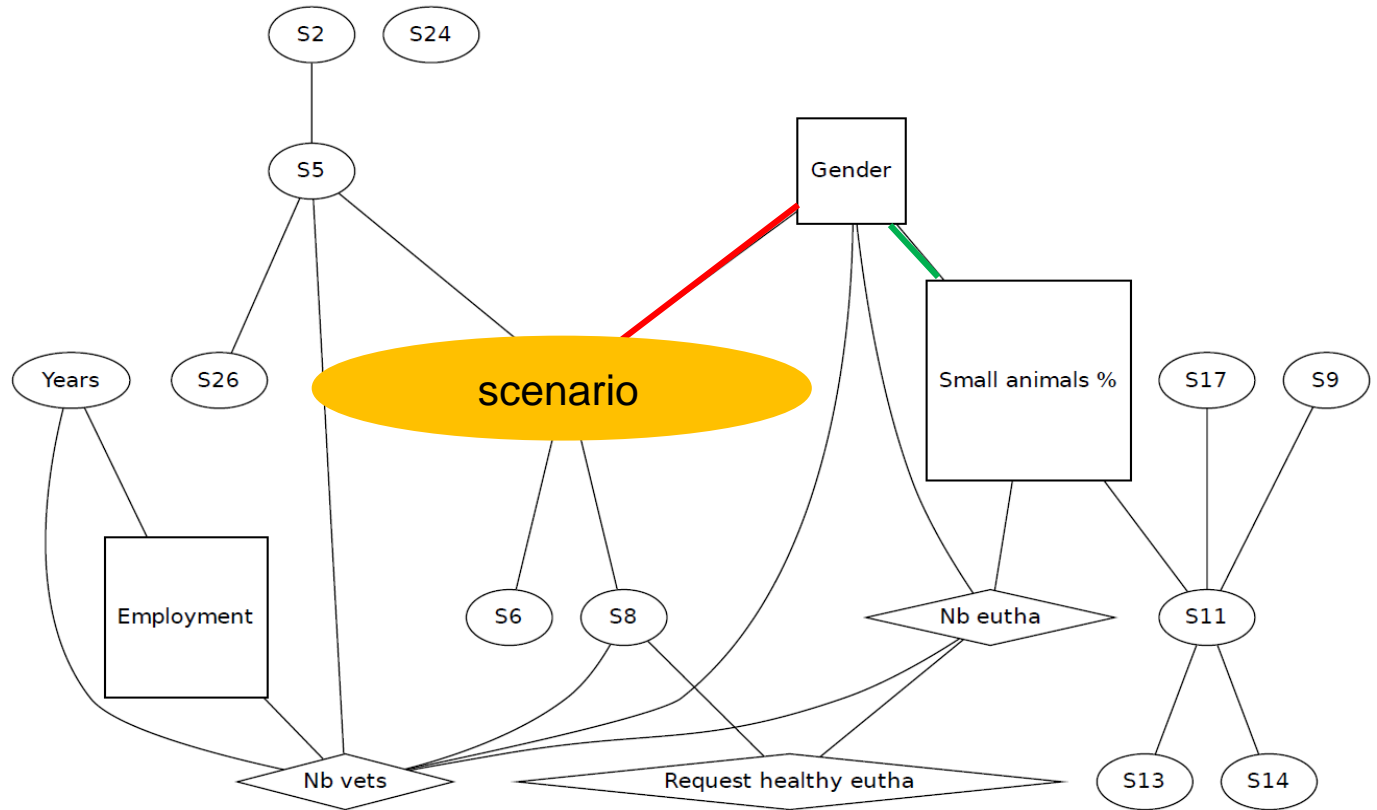




agreement



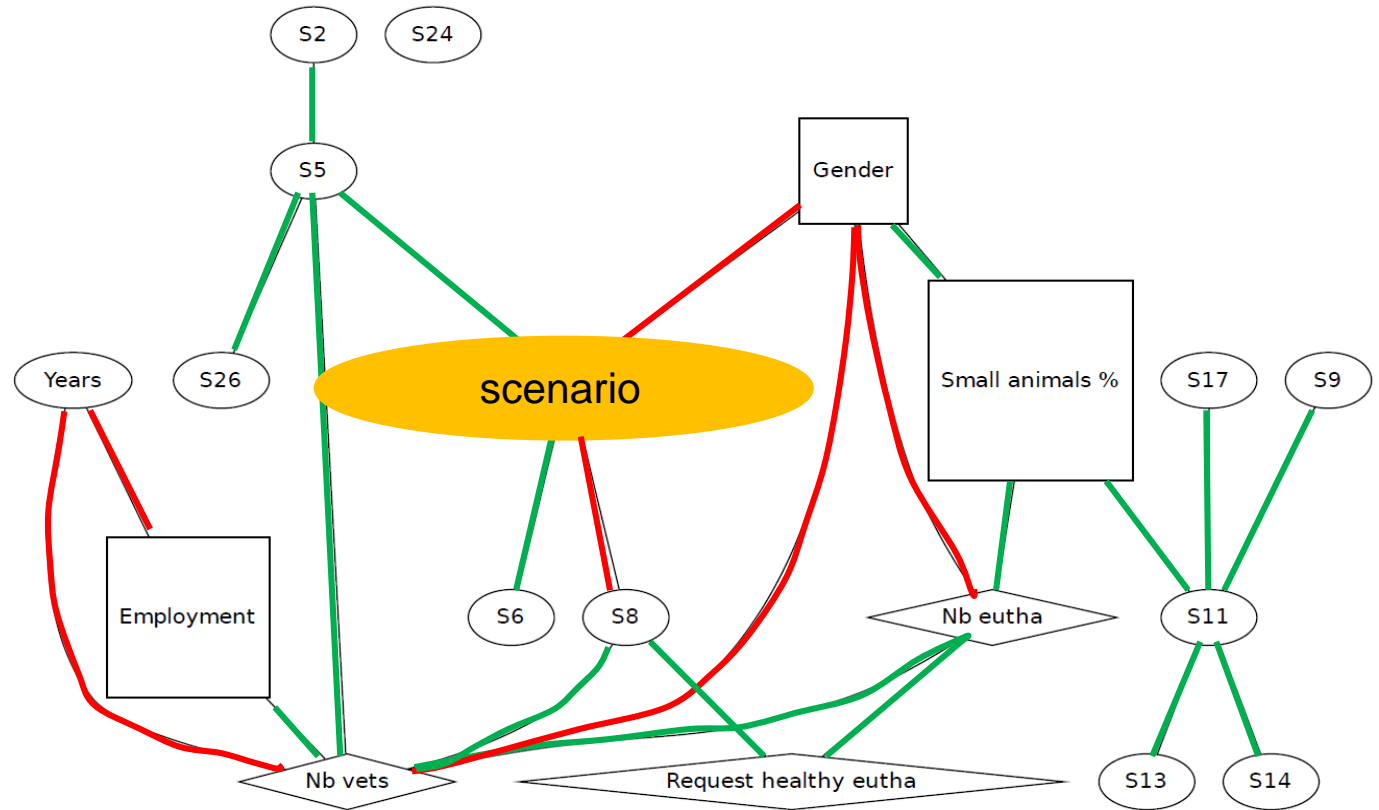
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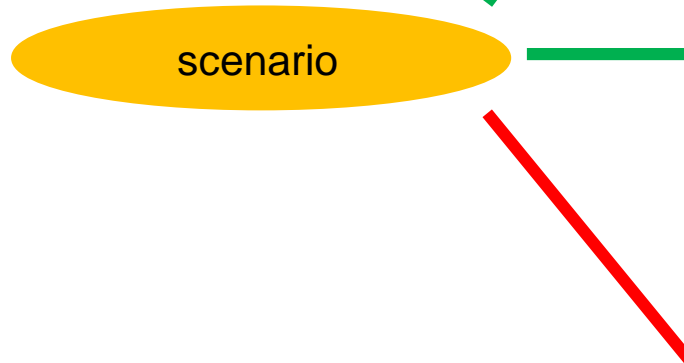
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S5:

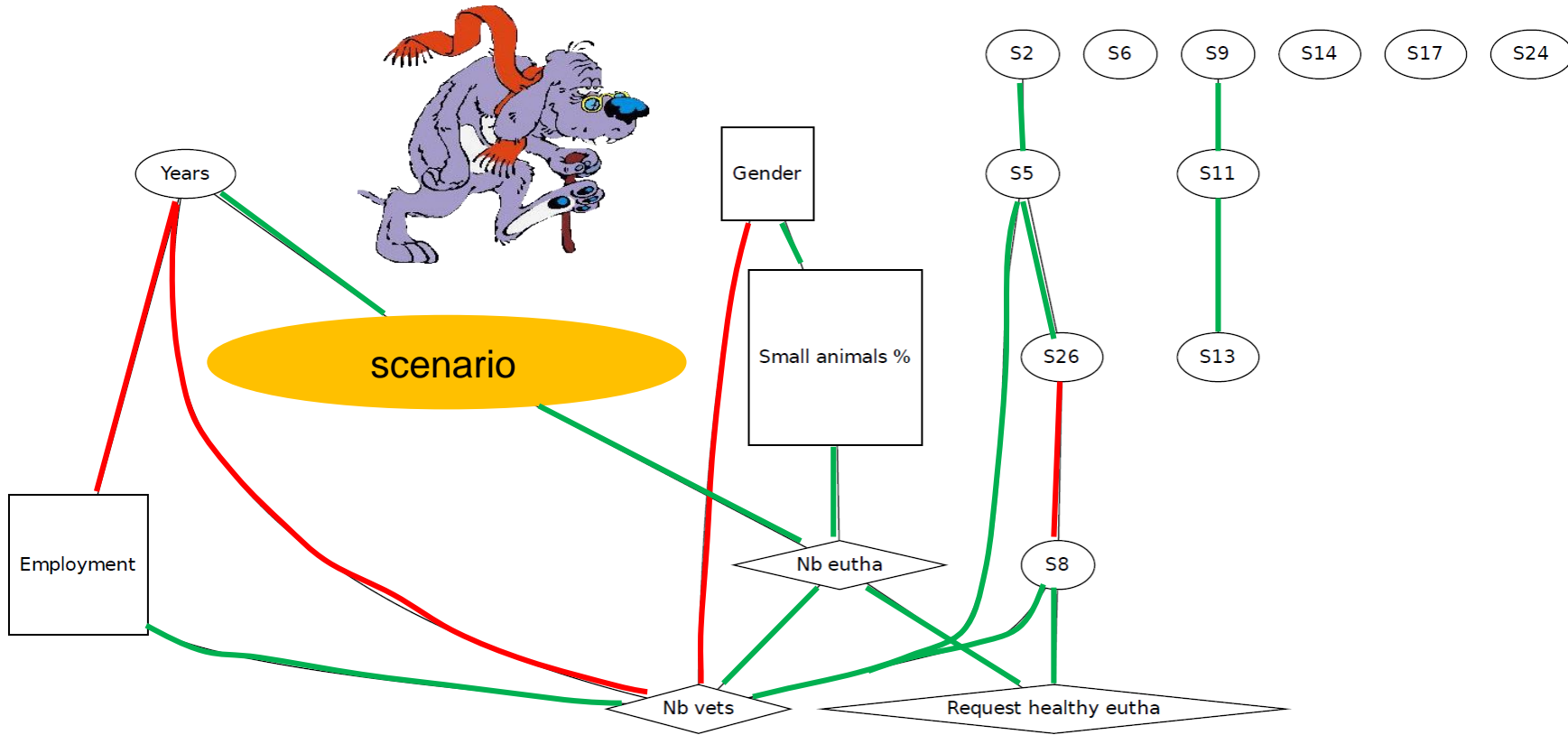
Knowing that all veterinary medical, social and economic options have been considered makes it easier for me to deal with euthanasia.

S6:

It is easier for me to euthanize an animal if I see that the owner does not have a close relationship to his animal.

S8:

I am still not used to euthanizing animals.



Years	↓	[0.05;0.1]
Small animals %	↓	[-1.29;-0.14]
Nb eutha	↑	[0.09;0.25]
Request healthy eutha?	↓	[-0.12;0]



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## Procedure data set II: antimicrobial resistance

- Best fitting model (DAG)
- Adjust overfitting

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# Identifying phenotypic associations in Salmonella antibiotic resistance patterns

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## Data set II: antimicrobial resistance

- National reference laboratory for enteropathogenic bacteria (NENT)
- 399 human *Salmonella* isolates (2004-2009)
- Serovar Kentucky (131), Virchow (188) und Hadar (81)

## Data set II: antimicrobial resistance

- Agar disk diffusion test (in mm) for 13 antibiotics
- Information «resistant», «susceptible» (intermediate) CLSI
- Nalidixic acid (66%), Tetracycline (46%), Sulfamethoxazole (37%), Ampicillin (29%), Trimethoprim (27%), Streptomycin (27%), Cefalotin (20%), Ciprofloxacin (19%), Gentamicin (10%), Chloramphenicol (10%), Kanamycin (7%), Amoxicillin-clavulanic acid (1%), Cefotaxim (0%)
- 78 different resistance patterns, frequencies (1-90)







## Multiple antimicrobial resistance

Presence of resistance patterns

- Similar chemical structure
- Similar action
- Genetically related
- Simultaneously applied
- ....

First step to describe associations between different resistance patterns which are systematic.



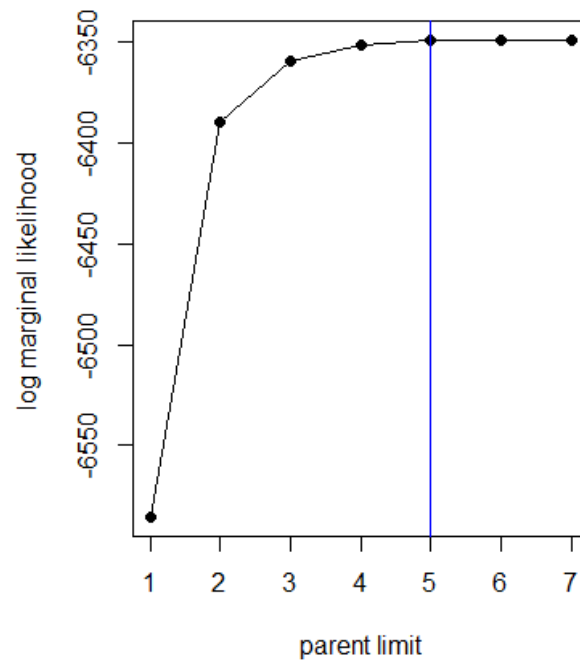
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Best fitting model (DAG)

- exact structure discovery approach (Koivisto & Sood, 2004)
- uniform structural prior, uninformative priors
- increase number of parents per node (1-9)
- goodness of fit metric: marginal likelihood (MacKay 1992)
- Preparing data
  - Binary coding of three serovars
  - Considered inhibition zones as normally distributed

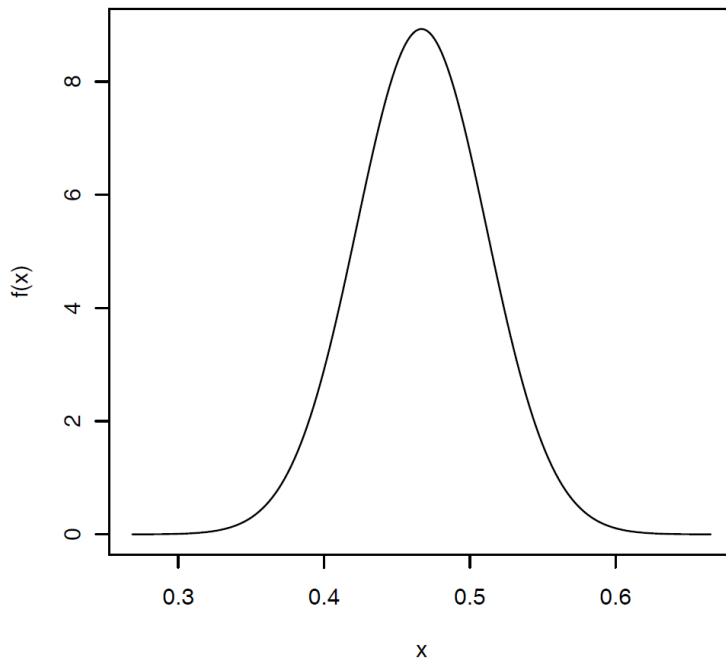
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Compare goodness-of-fit for different parent limits

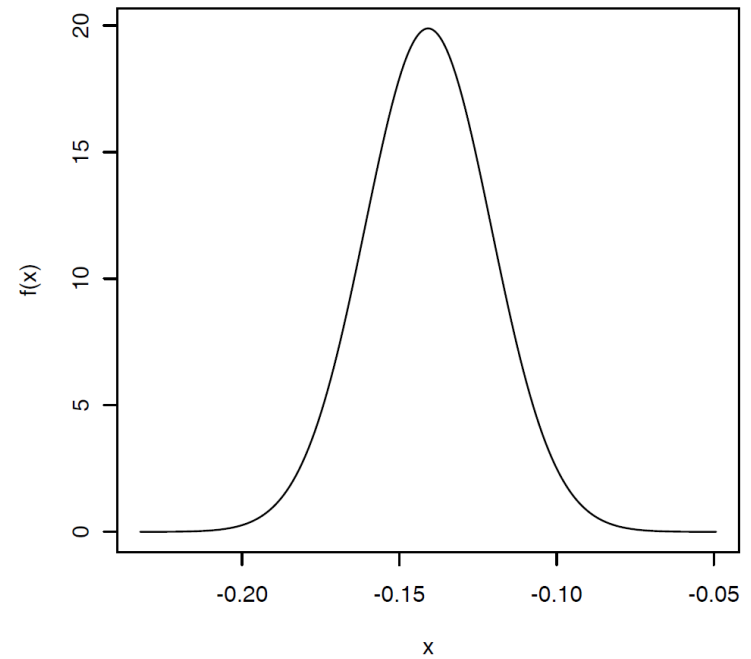


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Posterior marginal densities



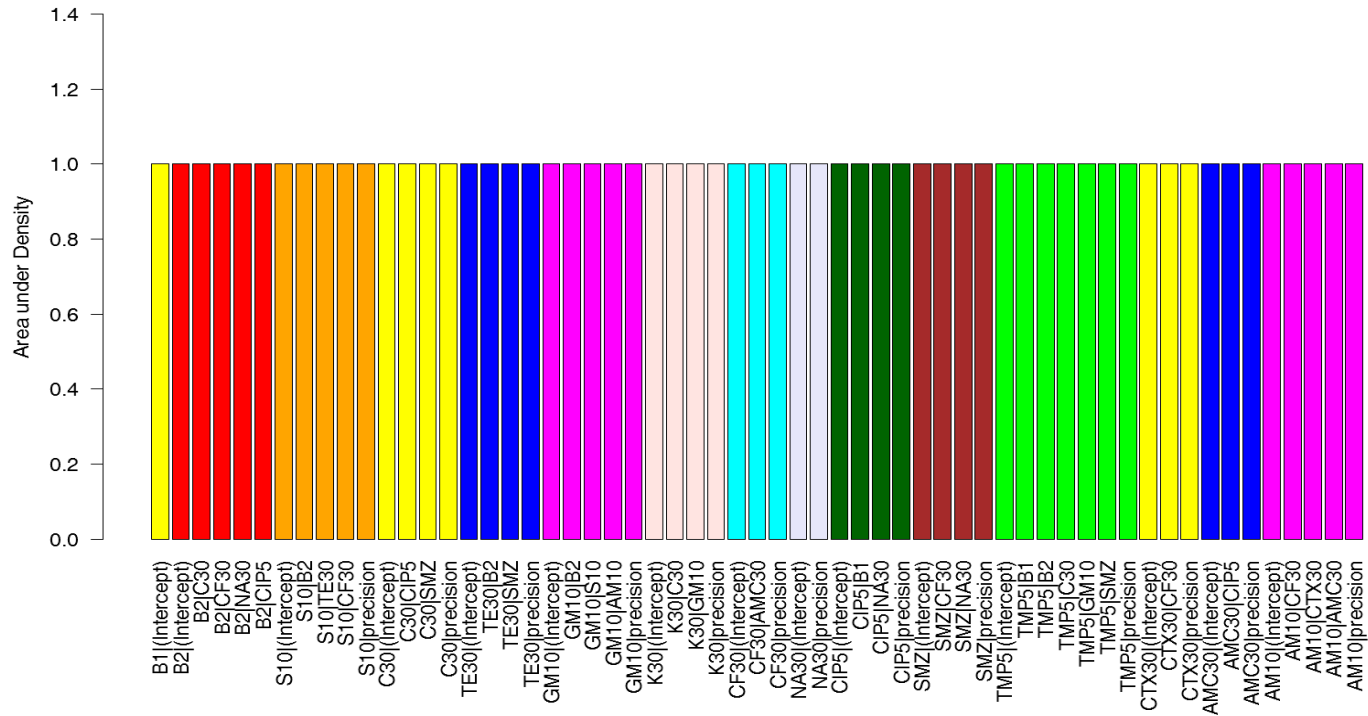
Streptomycin and Gentamicin



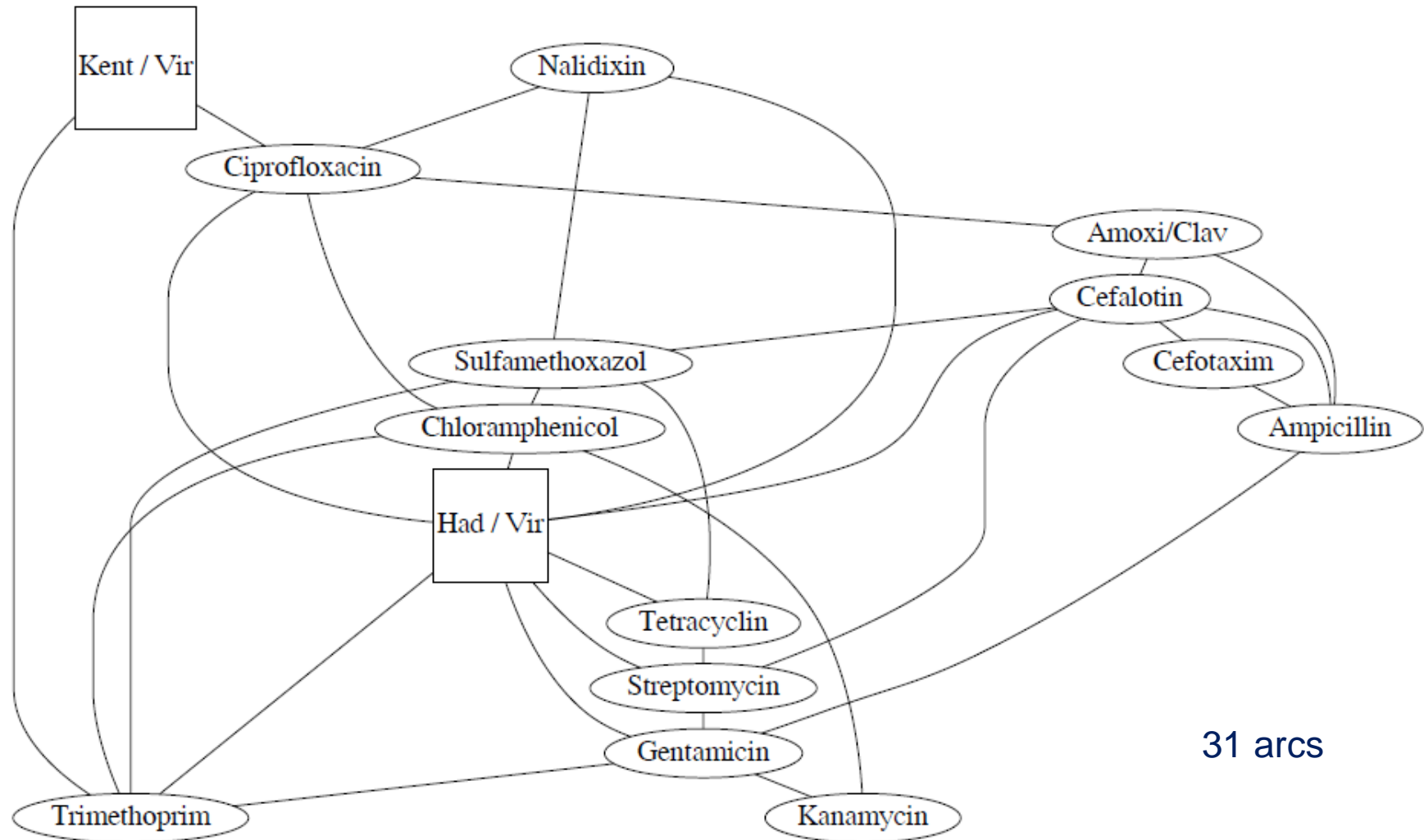
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Approximative area under densities



## Best fitting model (DAG)





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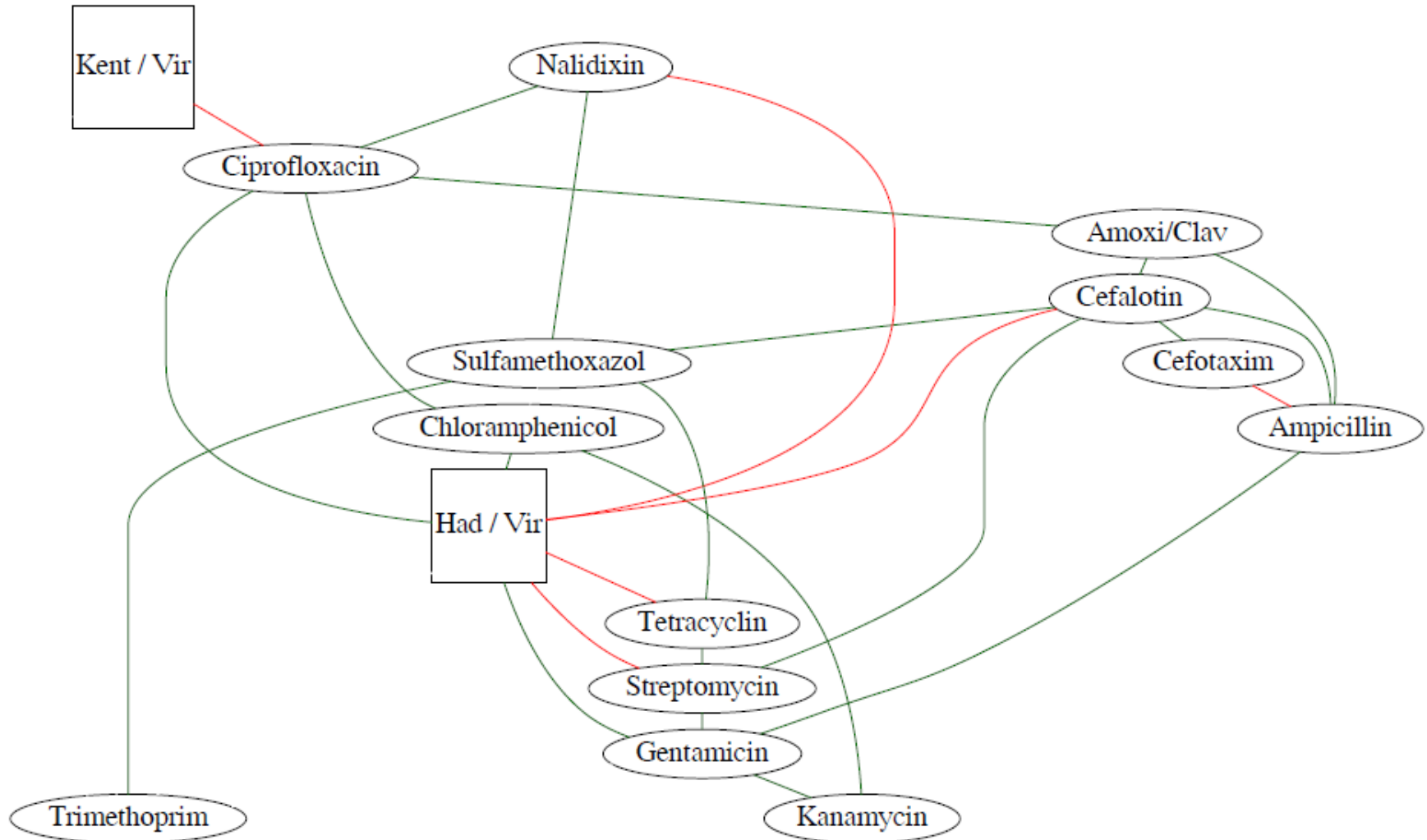
Adjust overfitting

- Standard parametric bootstrapping (Friedman 1999)
- MCMC in JAGS (Plummer 2003), 10'000 bootstraps
- Threshold 50% for retaining arcs

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## Best DAG: posterior marginal quantiles







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